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What This Publication Stands For!

DESTINY MAGAZINE is the official publication of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, set up to explain the true function of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in the plan of God as modern Israel, with special reference as to their history, true identity, and responsibility as revealed by the Bible and in the light of modern archaeological and ethnological research.

We of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America are plain Americans who have seen God's hand in our history and for the most part we are churchmen who see God's Word in the Scriptures.

Our Guide— The Bible

We believe that in the Bible we have plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, the moral order of society and for the economic process based on justice and equity. In the Law we find the moral and economic order by which God intended to make obsolete the pagan order under which we live. In the History we see our forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity and correction. In the Prophets we have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and *foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action*. In the Gospel we have our Lord offering to set up again the Kingdom of God in its economic and moral and spiritual elements. In the Apostles and the Church we have all this held as a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, but at present under the phase of interior religion without the larger social manifestation — in brief, but one hemisphere of the given Truth. So that we may be said to stand for *the whole Law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ*.

An Unalterable Covenant

OUR responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that we, as a people — *the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples*, as our Federation puts it — are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant and upon whom He laid His Law, "Which if a man do, he shall live."

That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people was called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, and dispersed on their mission, they are as really existing and working now as they were in Bible times. In ignorance of their identity, they have been blindly fulfilling part of God's purpose, but the foretold time is come when they shall know who they are and what they came here to do. Our movement is but one sign of that awakening.

We know the divine *destiny* that Israel was commissioned to fulfill. We know that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We can trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles and then on to America. By what the Prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, and by the way-marks they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

Our Place in the Plan

WE still live in Bible times in the truest sense. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel, the Covenant People. And being who they are, and being where they are, their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the

nations is very great. This Federation is a recognition of that responsibility.

So that we stand for the Bible, for Christian truth in all its parts, and for the place of the American people in the plan of God.

Israel was not chosen for its special work by reason of any superiority to other people; their promised greatness, which has now been fulfilled, was not given for their own aggrandizement but as necessary equipment for the world work they were to do. Everywhere the notes of Israel are civil and religious liberty.

Seeking Neglected Truths

THIS American nation is a Covenant Commonwealth, included in the unalterable, unconditional covenant which God made with Israel. But on its own behalf, also, our American nation in its national documents made its own covenant with God which it is dishonoring today. We are trying to recall our people to a sense of their present position.

This, in large and general terms, defines our position. We number amongst our members and adherents clergymen of every denomination and members of all the churches. We are anti-nothing but pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We have no doctrinal tests and seek to avoid controversies arising from differing doctrinal views. For the most part our membership holds the generally accepted elements of Christian truth. Taken as a whole the doctrines held within the Federation by its members would comprise the totality of present Christian belief. This we seek to complete with the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times—the same people with the same work—but now nearing a time of great change in the world for the fuller entry of the Rule of God amongst men.

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EDITORIALS—

"A straight line is the shortest distance between two points." — Euclid

Moving East

HITLER'S unsuccessful attempts to invade the British Isles is now compelling him to turn towards the East as was pointed out in last September's DESTINY. There he has a chance of at least initial successes, for the covenant of immunity to invasion applies only to the "Appointed Place". This place is the Isles and does not include all of Israel's possessions.

Last February we published a slogan postmarked on letters from Germany, "Great Britain means Israel" and "Abraham is the father of the English". We said then, "Little do the Germans realize that they are giving blind testimony to a reality, the fact of which dooms their *Destroy Britain* to a scrap of paper."

Germany may not yet have come to a full realization of this, but at least their High Command is beginning to recognize the impossibility of successfully invading the Isles and destroying the seat of the British Government, for no alien race will ever take over the administration in Israel.

Egypt, however, is destined to be over-run and Palestine to be invaded. The force of circumstances, beyond the control of the dictators, is compelling them to move towards the East. God has declared that Jerusalem is to be a cup of trembling unto all nations around about. "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the peoples of the earth be gathered together against it." (Zech. 12:2-4.)

Hitler and Mussolini are collaborating together for, having failed in the West, these axis partners have a new plan by which they hope to yet destroy the British Empire. This evidently will be an attack in the East. But they are totally unaware of the real purpose of the move eastward. "For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompense for the controversy of Zion." (Isaiah

34:8.) There the armies of the dictators face the greatest surprise that ever confronted the military forces of any nation. When they think they are about to grasp the coveted prize, then comes overwhelming disaster.

These dictators are not moving eastward of their own volition. They move in that direction because God has already expressed, through His prophets, that He will meet them there. The terrific punishment facing these forces of aggression, when they reach the designated place, pales into insignificance all the past overwhelming military disasters of history.

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

Does this mean that the defeat of these forces is timed to take place when the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles occurs? Events will give the answer.

Japan

JAPAN has now entered into a covenant with the Axis Powers. This was no surprise to the students of prophecy who have known the origin of the Japanese.* The Japanese are the descendants of Ammon and we are told the Ammon will be aligned with the enemies of Israel (Psalms 83:7).

Ammon is the name of the descendants of *Ben-Ammi*, the younger son of Lot by his daughter, born in a cave of a mountain near Zoar. Israel was forbidden to enter their land when she left Egypt. Later Ammon joined with the enemies of Israel. Throughout Israel's history there was war continually between the Ammonites and Israelites. Israel was forbidden to take the Ammonites into citizenship for ten generations. This law is being observed by modern Israel today, as we refuse to allow the Jap-

*See DESTINY for May and June, 1938, as to the origin of the Japanese.

anese to become citizens of our country.

Ammon was to receive, along with other nations, the cup of God's anger (Jeremiah 25:21). The prophet Zephaniah looked forward to the day when Israel will bring Ammon into subjection, "The residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them." (Zeph. 2:9.) Isaiah confirms this as he looked forward to the events that are now transpiring at which time he declared that the Children of Ammon shall obey Israel (Isaiah 11:14).

There are many other references to Ammon, the study of which will give interesting information regarding the future of the Japanese.

France Beware

IT is now coming to light that both trickery and treachery played an important part in the unconditional surrender of France. At this writing conferences are going on between Hitler and leaders in the French government, Vice-Premier Pierre Laval is in conference with Hitler in a move that apparently has as its objective the interesting of France to join Germany in the war against England.

The hook is baited with peace terms favorable to France. If France but sees the bait and fails to recognize the hook and accepts the German proposals she will be signing away forever her future chances of full restoration. Will France sense the cleverly devised program of Hitler? Will she refuse to be a part to a plan that will lead her into a fight against her former ally?

Do the leaders of France expect that they will receive more favorable consideration from a relentless foe that has shown no consideration in the past when it was to her advantage to forget every promise? Let France beware, for as General Weygand was deliberately fed faked information that Great Britain would bow to Hitler in less than six weeks and that a prompt surrender would

bring favorable terms to France, so now the same type of subtle propaganda is being used.

Great Britain will never surrender. There are dark days ahead, but destiny has already written the future of the Anglo-Saxon peoples and Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini or any of their allies are not to be victorious in the present conflict. Let the people of France know and understand this, that they may not be led into jeopardizing their future by joining in with the forces of evil.

Out of Tune

BEFORE us is a newspaper clipping in which it is stated that a minister counseled a group of students at a Theological Seminary to obey their conscience (regarding registration) even if it involved breaking the law. Nine of the students refused to register.

Now we are not opposed to a man obeying his conscience, providing his training has been such that his conscience is a proper guide. Many people think they are safe if they are conscientious in the thing they do, but unless they are in attune with the master instrument their conscience may be as useless for the purpose of righteous guidance as a run-down watch would be for telling the correct time. The cannibal may not be violating his conscience in the eating of human flesh, nor the followers of the false prophet in the slaving of Christians, for men who are the victims of certain modes of living and training seldom have conscientious scruples in the thing they have been taught was right to do. Solomon, the man of wisdom, recognized this when he said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12.)

The above minister, the young men following his advice and all those who are like-minded have accepted and followed a theological belief that does not square with the master chronometer. Let us illustrate. A man may be conscientious in acts of deeds that violate the fundamental principles laid down in the Ten Commandments, but *he is not right*, and unless through influences apart from himself his conscience is corrected to conform with these standards of moral conduct the end thereof is the way of death.

It is a known fact that our theological seminaries long ago ceased to believe in the entire message of the Bible. It would be foolish for men today to rely upon the teachings of theological professors, or the graduates of their schools, if they seek truth. Such men have discarded the laws of the Lord and have substituted the wisdom of men, having, as Timothy declares, "Their conscience seared with a hot iron." (I Timothy 4:2.) It would seem that because of their turning away from the truth and refusing to believe all the Bible teaches that "for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (II Thessalonians 2:11.)

There is no Scriptural ground on which the Clergyman who gave the above advice can stand.* The New Testament in no particular sets aside the laws governing national administration of Kingdom affairs as recorded in the Constitution given to Israel at Mount Sinai. The commandments cover the individual requirements of man's relationships to God and to his fellow man. The statutes govern the administration of the economic well-being of the nation and the laws necessary for the handling of national affairs and regulating international relationships. Now under these statutes there are certain laws for national defense, which laws have never been abrogated.

The New Testament proclaims the coming of the Messiah. In order that there might be no misunderstanding regarding the laws contained in commandments, statutes and judgments Jesus confirmed their continuity. He then taught men a higher individual relationship to God as well as towards his fellow man, in the Sermon on the Mount, than they had previously conceived. But that teaching of our Lord in no particular set aside the needs of the nation or the laws governing administration.

Jesus said he had not come to change the law or the prophets, "For I tell you indeed, that until the heavens and earth shall pass away, a single dot or hairstroke shall not disappear from the law, until all has been completed." Then follows this condemnation, "If therefore anyone shall

make light of one of the least of its commands, and shall teach men so, he shall be declared the least in the Kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:17-19 *F. F. Trans.*) Only those who have accepted Jesus Christ will finally enter the Kingdom, but Jesus here declares that of those who thus enter the Kingdom there will be some who will be least in that Kingdom because they have opposed its laws and taught men to do so. For them there will only be a place of obscurity in that Kingdom.

The law of the Lord declares that for the purpose of national defense against aggressive nations and peoples the manhood of Israel was to be registered, every man twenty years old and upwards was to be numbered for defense (Numbers 1:2-4.) Certain exemptions from military service of this registered manhood are set forth in Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 20). Let these theologians say if they wish that these are the least of the laws, yet for opposition to the least of those laws they are condemned to be least in the Kingdom.

We need today Theological Seminaries that will train young men in Biblical truth, *real schools of the prophets* where the conscience may be attuned to the master chronometer and thus turn out leaders who will believe and teach the entire message of the Bible. Such men will have a constructive program to present to the nation for the guidance of our people in the day of trouble.

Bootstrap Theology

WE were interested in the reason given by a certain theologian for rejecting the teaching that the Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of Israel. He said that on examination of encyclopedias he found that those which mentioned this teaching emphatically rejected it. Naturally we also searched to see what the Encyclopaedias had to say. We found that the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* devotes eight lines to the Anglo-Israelite Theory. No evidence is presented in refutation of our teaching. Nevertheless, it says, "It rests on premises which are deemed by scholars—both theological and anthropological—to be utterly unsound."

The result of our search reminds us of a certain banker who was inter-

*See "Needed: Conscientious Fighters", July, 1940, DESTINY.

viewed by the writer of the financial column of a daily newspaper. The banker expressed his views. The next morning he turned to the financial column and read, and as he read exclaimed, "This substantiates my views!" He then proceeded to quote what the writer of the column had expressed. The banker was blissfully ignorant of the fact that he was but quoting himself to sustain himself. His opinions of yesterday had confirmed him in his convictions of today. Here we have a mental process which is equivalent to trying to lift oneself by tugging at one's bootstraps.

Just who do the Encyclopaedias quote as an authority, whom this theologian accepts as the acme of scholarship? None other than theologians, the very men who have condemned our teaching without an honest examination. Thus they quote themselves to sustain themselves and this bootstrap type of theological opinion is labeled our highest scholarship!

Let it be remembered that from time to time Encyclopaedias have to be revised and rewritten as new light proves that past deductions have been erroneous. We predict that when, in the coming new order men prepare an encyclopaedia, true scholars will write the history of the origin of races and the Anglo-Saxon peoples will be pre-eminent in that new listing as the Israel of God today. Time will give its verdict, as it gave that verdict regarding the art of flying, which earlier Encyclopaedias rejected as impossible.

We face the future without fear as to its answer regarding the identity of the Anglo-Saxons with Israel, for we know the ground on which we stand. If the above theologian would make an unbiased examination of our premises he would search the Scriptures to see whether these things are so or not, rather than read the opinions of his fellow travelers as expressed in the Encyclopaedias.

Ignorance in High Places

AFTER reading a vicious attack upon our work and message made by a member of the House of Representatives at Washington, the title of this editorial aptly describes the conclusion concerning the attacker which will naturally and

accurately be reached by those who truly know the things for which we stand. That which we believe and teach and the stand we take as published in *DESTINY* is merely a reiteration of that which the Bible declares, but put into modern language that it may be more readily understood.

Our purpose in taking cognizance of this attack is through no fear as to its effect upon our work, but that those who, like us, accept these great truths may know that such false accusations against us have been read into the *Congressional Record* by one who shows his total ignorance of our aims and purposes. We believe in the prophets and accept the story that the Bible tells, but evidently this Congressman does not. Naturally we hold no brief for any other organization other than our own, nor are we responsible for views expressed that have not been officially sanctioned in *DESTINY*. If, however, the organizations to which this Representative refers are as much maligned as we have been by him then this entire section of the *Congressional Record* is of little value and as far as we are concerned is a slanderous attack upon patriotic men and women.

The main objections raised against Anglo-Saxon-Israel teachings are that we visualize the establishment of a world-state and at the head of that world organization a ruler of the House of David. We are also condemned because we have dared to show the trend of world happenings today as the nations face increasing chaos. The interesting part is that we are accused of undertaking to bring these conditions about in order that the prophecies of which we speak may have a fulfillment.

All this would be highly amusing but for the fact that such misrepresentation is made a matter of record in a document that is supposed to contain the wisdom of statesmen but which in this instance at least is but declaring the ignorance of a politician. He certainly has made either a willful or ignorant application of the terms which we use.

There will be a world estate or organization and we are as powerless to bring this to pass as this Congressman is to prevent its consummation. Over that world government will be a man of the House of David, for any

bright boy who has been brought up in a real Christian home knows that Jesus Christ is of the House of David. He also knows that Jesus Christ is to ultimately reign and rule over the Kingdom of this world which will have become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

Now Isaiah prophesies of Him, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7.) This is a statement of a literal fact confirmed by the Angel who said to Mary, "And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33.)

Daniel speaks of a world state when all the kingdoms of this world shall become subject to the Saints of the Most High. This is to be when all dominions shall serve and obey Him. Now we are not responsible for what the Bible contains, and if what we teach is contrary to the interests of the United States, as stated by this representative, why does he not condemn the Bible—the source of our information? The mere fact that we recognize in the Anglo-Saxon peoples the descendants of the Northern ten tribe kingdom of Israel as separate and distinct from Judah and who are in possession of all the blessings promised Israel in these latter days, surely cannot be to our disadvantage as a nation.

We are accused of urging people to fulfill prophecy because we state the facts as outlined by the prophets. This is far from the case. Instead we are urging our people to conform with the requirements of the law that the troubles foretold by the prophets may be mitigated. As to the future we but quote Ezekiel 38 and 39; Joel 2 and 3; Daniel 11:40-45; and 12:1-13; Zechariah 12 and 14; Matthew 24 as

well as the Book of Revelation and many other passages from Scripture too numerous to mention here, all referring to the present and coming chaotic conditions. Should we be condemned for visualizing what the prophets so clearly saw, events which are now coming to fruition? We surely have the right to quote the Scriptures without being considered accessories to the fact and made responsible for the events when they transpire.

The reason given by this representative for these unwarranted attacks is to bring to light the fact that there is a movement on foot to try to establish authenticity, and to prove the prophecies of the Old Testament. He fails to understand that we do not have to establish or prove the utterances of the prophets. World events

apart from our entire control or the control of nations are proving the truth of what the prophets uttered. We but call their prophecies to the attention of men and point out the facts for their consideration and enlightenment.

But what can be expected of a man, though he be elected to a high office in our government, who says, "What do we care about Moses, and what do we care about the prophecies of the Old Testament?" Such things, he declares, have no place in our Government. No wonder this nation is suffering with economic troubles, destitution and want, and with unemployment a major problem. The political chaos and financial distress are the direct result of ignoring the fundamental laws which Moses declared were essential to the establishment of

justice, equity and peace. Moses counseled the keeping of the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord if we would be free from the troubles of the nations around us.

Now prophecy is merely the declared foreknowledge of coming events. The predicted present world turmoil was but a foreknowledge of the inevitable end of men and nations who have taken the attitude of this Congressman—"What do we care for Moses and the prophets?" and they are paying and will yet pay a fearful price for their obstinacy and ignorance. Such men in office, misdirecting the affairs of state, make inevitable the coming disaster—as foreseen by the prophets—because of their failure to heed the warning and apply the teachings of Moses regarding just and equitable administration.

THE king of Babylon had a dream in which he saw an image like unto a man. The head was of gold, the arms and breast of silver, the thighs of brass, the legs of iron, while the feet were of iron mixed with clay. In this vision the king witnessed a stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands which hit the feet of the image, causing that image to crash, after which it was ground into powder which the wind blew away. Then the stone grew into a mountain and finally filled the whole earth.

Daniel interpreted the vision for the king. The gold, silver, brass, iron and stone are kingdoms. The feet represent the subdivisions of the iron kingdom. The image itself represents the nations that rule during the time of the Gentiles. The gold, silver, brass and iron are emblematical of these nations. Following their rule the stone kingdom was to smash their power and take over world dominion at the expiration of the allotted time.

Beginning with the rule of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, the Time of the Gentiles was to continue until Jerusalem should be set free (Luke 1:24). That event took place in December, 1917 A. D. This time period is further verified by Daniel's interpretation of the hand-writing which appeared upon the wall of Belshazzar's palace. The text is in Aramaic. The inscription consists of the names of three weights. By translating them into the Hebrew equivalents, we find

the hidden interpretation. The Hebrew translation is "A mina, A mina, A shekel, and a half-mina."

Aramaic	Hebrew	Value in "Gerahs"
Mene	Mina	1,000
Mene	Mina	1,000
Tekel	Shekel	20
Upharsin Peres	Half Mina	500
		2,520

This number, 2520, is the Biblical seven times (7×360) or the length of the period assigned to the Gentiles. In interpreting the meaning of the handwriting to Belshazzar, Daniel speaks of the immediate and local situation as the Medes and Persians are about to take over. But for Israel's information there is given in this cryptonym the number of years during which the entire Gentile group of nations would hold sway. This began with the Head of Gold and 2520 years later ended in 1914-18 A.D., when Continental Empires (represented by the feet of iron mixed with

clay) began to disintegrate. The smashing blow of the stone against the image is responsible for its disintegration. What Kingdom, then, is represented by this stone?

The stone, so Daniel says, represents a Kingdom that was set up by the God of Heaven. This was an actual fact in history, for at Mount Sinai such a Kingdom was organized by God who declared through Moses to the people, "Thou shalt be unto me a kingdom." (Exodus 19.) The prophet says this kingdom will never be destroyed, nor left to other people, but that it will break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms and stand forever (Daniel 2:44).

Jesus said to the Jews, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." What are the fruits of the Kingdom? It is the administration of justice, equity, and peace (Isaiah 56:1). Jesus had in mind the administration of the affairs of the Kingdom in conformity with the laws given at Mount Sinai. The Kingdom was now to pass from Judah, because of the rejection of their Messiah, and be restored to the House of Israel.* With this House of Israel was the Throne of David which had been planted in the Isles, to which

*Judah will eventually walk with Israel (Jer. 3:18; Isaiah 11:13). We are already seeing the Jews, as they are persecuted in other nations, finding refuge in the Israel lands (Britain and the U.S.A.).

Isles and people Isaiah addressed his message of comfort and hope (Isaiah, 40th chapter and on.) Jesus said of this Kingdom, which He now identifies with the Stone Kingdom, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." (Matthew 21:43-44.)

This breaking and grinding process has been accelerated since the expiration of the 2520 years of Gentile rule. Great Britain and the United States of America broke the power of Continental nations in the World War of 1914-18. Now the Stone Kingdom is beginning to fall upon the aggressive dictators and as surely as Daniel saw that Stone grinding to dust the Great Image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, so surely will the dictators come to a like end.

Not only is this process to go on until the dictators are no more, but with their destruction will come the down-fall of the alien-minded within the Israel Commonwealth, both in America and across the sea. The subversive forces in and out of government in all Israel lands will be destroyed, and full freedom and liberty

with prosperity for all restored to this people.

The dictators have succeeded in waking up the "Mighty Men" (Joel 3:9), a title used in reference to Israel. Now having been aroused with the tenacity of a bull dog they have taken hold and will not let go until the job is done. This determination to destroy the enemy without bodes no good for those leaders *within* who are deceiving the people, for Ezekiel says, "They shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God." (Ezekiel 13:9.)

This grinding process will be followed soon by the building and expansion period, for the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, as the Stone Kingdom, are about to cross the threshold of a new and better age that will make the opportunities of the past be as nothing in comparison to the glories that are coming. First, however, as God's battle ax and weapons of war, they must subdue the aggressors, breaking their power and grinding

them to pieces (Jeremiah 51:20). After this the laws of righteousness in all perfection will become the laws of the land.

God addresses His people Israel—the Stone Kingdom of Daniel—"Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; hear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation." (Isaiah 51:7-8.)

The foes within and the foes without have taken crafty counsel against us, but they shall all be broken. "This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." We fear not the future, knowing that the present turmoil is but clearing away the wreckage of the evils of a civilization that has been incapable of using the bounties of nature for the good of man. In the days that are coming men will build, and plant, and reap, and long enjoy the labor of their hands.

One Man's Destiny

By C. R. DICKEY

CHAPTER I

THE eminent evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, said that the world has yet to see what God can do through one man who is completely surrendered to His will. No doubt this is true because God's works are never on the wane but ever on the increase.

Whatever the wonders of the future may be it is a fact that men have yet to see and to appreciate the amazing things which God has done, and continues to do, through one man—Abraham. Surprising as it may seem, the Bible uses the brief space of its first eleven chapters to narrate the mighty processes of creation, plus approximately two thousand years of history which includes such tremendous events as paradise lost, the rise and fall of empires, and the deluge. Beginning then with Genesis 12, it requires 1178 chapters to record one man's destiny—the story of Abraham and his family. It is true that other peoples are mentioned in the Bible, not for the purpose of giving

their history, let it be noted, but only as they deal with, oppose, or influence this one man's family.

When studying any historical character it is important to know if the information at hand is authentic. It is especially important in the case of Abraham since many writers and teachers regard him as a legendary figure; a product of fiction rather than fact. This perversion rests on the assumption that Abraham's biography could not have been written by Moses, as the Bible states, because writing was an unknown art in Moses' day. But is this theory true? Modern archaeology presents a formidable array of facts against it. A few sentences from *The Bible Is True*, by Sir Charles Marston, one of the world's foremost authorities on archaeological research, will suffice to establish the genuineness of Moses' work and the reality of Abraham:

"There is no longer any doubt that the races who inhabited the Euphrates valley, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, in ancient times, possessed a much higher culture

than has been postulated for them by Bible critics. For example, we now know that the art of writing in cuneiform on clay tablets was in general use long before the days of Abraham. Archaeological evidence has now established the fact that alphabetical writing was actually in existence in Sinai at the very time when Moses led the tribes there after the Exodus from Egypt; and further, that such writing was being used in Palestine immediately after the days of Moses. It would almost seem as though civilized man has always had the means for recording in writing . . . everything such as we find recorded in the books of Genesis, Exodus, etc. . . .

"The evidence for the use of writing, including alphabetical writing, both before and after Moses, now supplied by archaeology, makes conjectures about oral transmission unworthy of any further credit."

Sir Charles Marston states also that, "It has become necessary to scrap most, if not all, of what people have learned or read about the Old Testament, in colleges and seminaries, in text-books, commentaries and encyclopedias, and go back to the original books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Joshua."

With these thoughts in mind let us turn with confidence to the great historical, biographical and legal documents which form the first five books of the Bible and are known collectively as the Pentateuch. Events move swiftly in the first eleven chapters of Genesis under the skillful hand of Moses. In these chapters he gives the background of his central figure, Abraham, the man who was to number among his posterity David's royal line, and also One greater than David, even Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Moses begins most appropriately by opening the book of Genesis with an unequalled scientific treatise on the creation of the universe. Careless readers accuse him of stating that the heavens and the earth were made in six 24-hour days. Really Moses made no such statement. Read Genesis 1:14-19, where he writes that the sun, moon and stars were made to give light upon the earth, and adds, "let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years". This is our solar system which marks the beginning of the 24-hour day as we know it—and it didn't come into existence until the "fourth day". Surely this internal evidence is sufficient to convince even the most stubborn individuals that Moses was dealing with what we term geological ages. We are not told the amount of time involved in these creative epochs. Scientists like to speculate in cycles of millions of years. Some Bible scholars say that each day represents a thousand years. Whatever the time element may have been, we can be certain that the writer did not mean day periods of only twenty-four hours each.

When there is any variance between science and the Bible it indicates one of two things: either that the scientific theory is not true, or, that the Bible has not been read and understood correctly. From the thrilling phrase, "In the beginning God"—beyond which no scientist can go—to the end of the sixth era the account is in complete harmony with the records which have been written in-

delibly in the starlit sky and in the rocks and soil of the earth. It is here that astronomy, botany, geology, biology, zoology, anthropology and kindred sciences have their beginnings.

Following the seventh era of rest, or cessation of creative activities, it seems that a new order emerged in the midst of the former system. Adam appeared on the scene, endowed mentally to dress and keep the garden of Eden. Up to this time, "there was not a man to till the ground." (Gen. 2:5.) Columbus and other explorers and colonists could have given a similar report of our own land in their day. Native Indians were here, many of them, living by the primitive means of hunting and fishing while the vast resources of the land remained untouched. Very truly those first American colonists might have said, "There was not a man to till the ground." This man and his wife were also the first human beings upon whom God placed moral and spiritual responsibility "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:16-17.) The will of God now becomes law and life to the man and woman. This is the beginning of religion.

Those who stumble over the method by which Adam and Eve came into existence should know that God is not limited to any one creative process. It is wise to consider also that the present painful method of birth which we call normal is, in all probability, the abnormal one, since it was instituted as a penalty for failure to keep the original high estate of co-operation and fellowship with God.

The advent of Melchisedec, King of Salem, was outside the so-called natural order, "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God." (Heb. 7:14.) The advent of Jesus was accomplished only partly in the usual manner. Did not he throw light upon this subject when he said, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham"? (Matt. 3:9.) To insist that birth is impossible except by the one method to which we are accustomed is to circumscribe the ingeniousness of Almighty God.

Moral obligation and the exercise of free will gave "the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan," a chance to get in his work. (See Gen. 3:1-5, Rev. 12:9 and 20:2.) With the aid of three weapons—a doubt, a lie and a half-truth—the deceiver led the woman and the man into his net. This is the beginning of sin, which is rebellion against the holy will and purpose of God. It brought a sentence of hard labor, pain, sorrow and eventual death.

*"Sorrow tracketh wrong,
As echo follows song,
On, On, On."*

Exile from Eden was an act of mercy to prevent man's sinful state from becoming immortal. (Gen. 3:22-24.) In this manner the God of love and mercy guarded a door through which mankind would be permitted to return

to Him when willing to accept the required conditions. Access to this door was immediate, as was also man's freedom to accept or reject it. The story of Cain and Abel demonstrates this vital truth. God established certain requirements as a means to man's entrance into the door of divine forgiveness and fellowship. Both brothers knew the requirements. Abel met them willingly; Cain refused, adding insult to disobedience by offering God his own substitutionary plan. As a result Abel was murdered and "Cain went out from the presence of the Lord".

The defection of Cain and the death of Abel made another beginning necessary. Seth was born to become the progenitor of a people appointed unto righteousness: "then began men to call upon the name of the Lord". Henceforth the Bible deals no more with Cain and his descendants, save as their subversive works corrupt the appointed seed. It is an interesting fact that the fifth chapter of Genesis omits the name of Cain in the record of the generations of Adam. The omission gains in significance when one recalls these words of Jesus to his disciples: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20.)

The record passes swiftly over the centuries from Adam to Noah. Sons and daughters were born to those long-lived patriarchs; but, note particularly that out of many children in each family, only one is mentioned by name. Why? Because the historian had one main purpose in mind—namely—the genealogy of Abraham. He paused in the stately march of the generations for two brief details, the godly character of Enoch and his translation. When he came to the time of Noah we find three sons named and then a pause for more details.

And no wonder! The days of Noah were filled with such breath-taking events that it staggers the imagination to visualize them. It is a familiar story. Evil was rampant and humanity so degenerate that the earth was filled with violence. God looked upon the wretched, hopeless scene and pronounced the death sentence. But the righteous seed must not be lost and God's plan come to naught. Strange as it may seem there was one man who kept his course in the midst of the madness about him: "Noah was a just man . . . and walked with God." God made a covenant with this man and gave him a plan to save himself and his family. Then came the deluge. Noah's obedience in building the ark amid the jeers of his contemporaries provided an open door of salvation for his household. When the godless multitude faced destruction they tried to enter that same door but found it had been shut by the Lord. (Gen. 7:16.)

Following the flood, which changed the geography and climatic conditions of the earth, we find Noah and his family trying to adjust themselves to difficult and unfamiliar surroundings. Strong men and brave women were these eight souls who faced the arduous tasks of pioneering and laid the foundations of mighty empires.

If studied carefully the tenth and eleventh chapters of Genesis will shed much light upon current affairs. They

record "the families of the sons of Noah,"—not all of them but only the chief ones who became the heads of national groups—"after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood." (Gen. 10:32.) There are three main divisions of these national groups, each with its roots in a son of Noah.

As the family of Ham branches out it is easy to detect, even in its early stages, a revival of the old Canaanitish civilization. In this group we find Nimrod, son of Cush, probably the original edition of the type of dictator so familiar today. He founded the Babylonian Kingdom "in the land of Shinar. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh". Here we find the roots of the Babylonian and Assyrian empires. Asshur is listed as a son of Shem. The record does not state how he became identified with Babylon but it was probably through conquest. From Canaan, another son of Ham, came the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgasites, Hivites and others. Any casual reader of the Bible will recognize in the names mentioned the ancient enemies of the Israelites. Joshua and his successors battled the latter group in their conquest and occupation of Palestine; then centuries later both Israel and Judah were overcome and evacuated by the power of Assyria and Babylon.

According to Genesis 10:2-5, the house of Japheth became known as Gentiles. Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, Ashkenaz, Togarmah—"By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations." It is an interesting fact to note that five of these names are listed in Ezekiel 38, where the prophet specifies aggressive hordes that will attack Israel in the latter days. They come "out of the north parts . . . against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days." Bible schools and seminaries teach that Anglo-Saxon Christian people are Japhetic Gentiles. Interpret Ezekiel 38, by this theory, and what have you? A most incongruous picture of Gentile Christians in the latter day coming "against my people Israel" with a mighty army to spoil and destroy them. "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"

Read the passage again, interpreting the barbaric Gog confederacy as Gentiles and the Anglo-Saxon Christian nations as "my people Israel". The prophet now says that in the latter days a military combine of Gentiles from "the north parts"—northern Europe—will make war against Anglo-Saxon Christian people. In this light the whole chapter becomes clear and understandable to our generation. The world is trembling from the impact of just such an assault in our day. Surely if the Lord still has a nation which functions as "my people Israel" its citizens in the main are people who are professed followers of Christ as the Son of God rather than a people who have opposed Christianity for the past two thousand years. The chief method of attack against modern Israel is described by the prophet. "Thou shalt come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land." What better description could Ezekiel have given of Russia's

air attack on Finland, or, of Germany's aerial bombardment of Britain?"

The line of Shem is given in chapter 10, and repeated in chapter 11, but with a difference as we shall see. In chapter 10, the method of listing Shem's descendants is the same as that used for Japheth and Ham. Note also that this chapter mentions the two sons of Eber, but traces the line of Joktan only. Chapter eleven opens with the tower of Babel incident. Two results following this experiment are familiar, namely, the confusion of languages and the scattering of the people "abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Beginning with Genesis 1:10, the process of elimination is employed as in chapter 5. Again the record starts with Shem but this time one son only is named in each generation. When we come to Eber, Joktan's name is omitted and the line proceeds through Peleg to the his-

torian's chief objective, the birth of Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham.

Imagine if possible the gigantic pioneering and colonizing achievements of the three sons of Noah as they went their separate ways to build great cities, nations and civilizations. No weaklings were these men. Mighty in physical strength and intellect, courageous in spirit they went forth to conquer when the whole world was a frontier.

It was into this world that Abraham came—only a few generations from Noah. The first eleven chapters of Genesis, the book of beginnings, sketch in broad outlines major events in the dawn of Adamic history. They give us the genealogy and background of Abraham. After chapter eleven the Bible becomes a biography of this one man whose remarkable destiny the world has yet to understand and to reckon with!

(To be continued)

Can America Avoid War?

Editor's Note: Under date of October 14th, "Can America Avoid War?" was released as a confidential investment letter to the clients of Investment Counsel, Inc., economic advisors located in Detroit, Michigan. It is so penetratingly written and so parallel to the prophetic forecast that we are reprinting it by permission of the above company.

ONE answer to the above question, the economic implications of which question can best be discussed after the election outcome is known, is that we are at war. We have already sent Great Britain 3,000 planes, 80,000 machine guns, 700 field guns, 500,000 rifles, several million rounds of ammunition, 50 destroyers, vast quantities of machine tools, airplane engines, chemicals, and steel at the rate of 1,000,000 tons monthly. Our fleet is standing guard in the Pacific, thereby making Britain's defense of the Atlantic easier. We are gradually throttling down the economic security of Japan, one of the Axis partners, and have placed moral embargoes on shipment of American goods to other of Britain's enemies. We have entered into a military alliance with Canada and are commencing to fortify British bases off our shores.

This, however, is not a "shooting" war on our part. There are reasons as to why such is the case. For one thing, Britain's greatest need at the moment is not credit, or men, but munitions of various kinds, particularly air defenses. Credit and men will be needed later. Again, so far as concerns our land forces, we are not in position to fight a shooting

war at the minute. But this is being rapidly remedied. Despite the Army's indication that a field force of 415,000 men could protect North and South America from invasion, our new program, now going into effect, calls for an M-day mobilization strength of 2,200,000 men in active service and reserves.

With no attempt to name the day, the month, or the year, and regardless of whether Mr. Willkie or Mr. Roosevelt is successful at the November polls, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the United States will engage in a shooting war before the present European conflict ends. The war of 1914-1918 was a war between nations, with motives not too clearly defined. We failed to escape that maelstrom. The current war is a clear-cut struggle between ideologies—the creed of state domination over the individual versus the creed of individual liberty. It looks like a war to the finish—the great Armageddon of Scriptural prophecy—with all peoples eventually fighting on one side or the other.

In the history of nations it has been observed that we must count time by decades or even by centuries. Generations come and generations go, each with its particular mode of life, its

fads, its idiosyncrasies. Running like a thread through all these changes and labyrinths, however, are certain national inclinations and national destinies that do not change. It was inevitable that Germany, the would-be world-maker throughout all history, should some day clash with Britain, the country whose children actually have spread over most of the earth. It is equally inevitable, in any such death struggle, that the United States should side with the mother land.

Because of the great scientific achievements of the past century or two, including advances in the fields of production, transportation, and communication, the world has become too closely knit and interdependent for single nations to live unto themselves alone. The price of cotton in the United States affects the prosperity of so remote a country as India, just as a panic on the Japanese Stock Exchange has had its vibrations even in South America. Out of this close world interrelationship has grown the need for a world order and the present clash between the two differing ideologies as to which shall dominate its preliminary to such event. If the democracies eventually win—and we have no doubt on this

score—the world will subsequently be directed, in the interest of liberty, justice, peace, and prosperity, by the British Commonwealth and the U. S. A.

In the meanwhile, or awaiting the further turn of events as outlined in earlier paragraphs, Britain, who has often been accused of "fighting to the last Frenchman" or the "last American," is quietly going about the business of fighting to the last Englishman and giving the world, incidentally, a lesson in courage and bravery. Hitler still promises that his invasion of the Islands is coming, but he has had to postpone his dates several times. It is

possible that his recent talk with Mussolini precedes a shift of activities to other centers. The logical point for the war's major and final campaign is in the Eastern Mediterranean. The British Isles are the heart of the Empire, but the Empire's strategic center lies about Egypt, Palestine, and the Suez Canal. These are the direct land and water communications with the great worlds of India, the Far East, and the Pacific.

Economic repercussions arising from the entrance of this country into war cannot be fully foretold. Even now, however, we are witnessing cer-

tain of these repercussions because, as previously pointed out, we already are partially at war. Our expenditures for military purposes have been greatly increased, taxes are being refashioned to channel a portion of the "excess profits" of industry back to the government, and various governmental rules and regulations are being set up to cope with the changed situation arising from the partial diversion of our productive energy to war-time needs. The security markets, accordingly, are being afforded opportunity to effect a gradual readjustment to the changed situation and outlook.

A Probable Plan for the Next Thirteen Years

On the evening of September 30, 1940, as this plain American businessman and Bible student dictates this article, it is with a feeling that he is approaching holy ground and with a prayer that the revealer of secrets may suggest word vehicles to transfer accurately to his readers the picture that is in his mind and heart. It is with a feeling that he has uncovered a goal of years of Bible research but with an overwhelming realization of his inability to describe it. An understanding and appreciation of the chart reproduced along with this article may best be conveyed by the simple story of how and when it came into being.

Back in 1936, I was possessed with a burning desire to grasp the meaning of God's judgment of the nations and to get a preview, if possible, of his plan for world affairs during the period from September 16, 1936, to August 20, 1953, revealed by the King's Chamber of the Great Pyramid. As we approached the date of entrance to this blue print of God's judgment of the nations, I was watching for a marker which would reveal the plan.

On July 18, 1936, when war broke out in Spain, it appeared that it was a veiled thrust at Britain supported by the dictators of Europe. It was

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noted that the date was 60 days prior to September 16, 1936, which suggested the mark of the beast or the number of men, so a written notation of the event was recorded.

Events began unfolding and the ten days from September 16 to September 26, 1936, brought the crisis ending in the Tri-Partite Agreement and caused the remaining nations of the world, whose money was based on gold, to abandon the system. The middle of this period is September 22, 1936, exactly 66 days from July 18, 1936, marking the beginning of the Spanish War, and 5 years from Britain's departure from the gold standard in 1931. (This Spanish War lasted 990 days or 33 prophetic months of 30 days.) On April 30, 1937, exactly 286 days (the number of the "displacement" factor of the Pyramid) from July 18, 1936, the news was eagerly awaited in search for a "displacement" cue. The headlines of the next morning's paper brought two outstanding items—an account of the sinking of a warship by bombs from an airplane (the first in the history of the warfare of the world) and a worldwide break in gold shares. Immediately the thought came,

"Here is the *weapon of war* by which the dictator nations of Europe, representing the final phase of the Nebuchadnezzian succession, hope to "displace" (286) the British war power in order to remove the one major power that could successfully interfere with their plan for world dominance." Certainly II Esdras, chapters eleven and twelve, makes it clear that this is their objective. The only voice that "speaks" objection or "pushes" at them is described in II Esdras 13:40—"Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land." Surely this indicates also that the economic order based on gold would be "displaced" by the coming money requirements to finance such a worldwide contest. How long would this act of desolation run? Surely the answer must be 1,290 days, the number of the desolator of Daniel 12:11. Quick calculation showed November 11, 1940, to be the first day after the test. Now, November 11, 1940, is 22 years from the date of the Armistice. Immediately, therefore, we see this final contest connected to the end of the first World War by 22 years, the

measure of the "Time of Jacob's Trouble."

TIME passes and the unfolding continues until nation after nation falls before the cunning diplomacy of the dictators and their true objective to world dominance is recognized.

January 31, 1940, 286 days (both days inclusive) before November 11, 1940, Russia startled the world with her wanton aggression of little Finland. January 31 has been a recurring date of importance in the history of America since January 31, 1917, when Germany served notice of unrestricted warfare which brought America into the war 65 days (the number of Ephraim) later by a total yea vote in

Congress of 455, being 390 (the number of Israel, Ezekiel 4:5) plus 65 (the number of Ephraim, Isaiah 7:8) America was aroused and her sympathies went out to Finland and against Russia. Immediately the thought came, "the 286 days, July 18, 1936, to April 30, 1937, indicated the plan of the dictator nations of Europe to "displace" the nations of Israel but on January 31, 1940, is initiated God's plan for "displacing" the plans of the dictators. America will again prove the balance of power and more of this plan will be revealed at the end of the 286 days, or November 10-11, 1940."

I could stand the silence no longer so on March 5, 1940, mailed the ma-

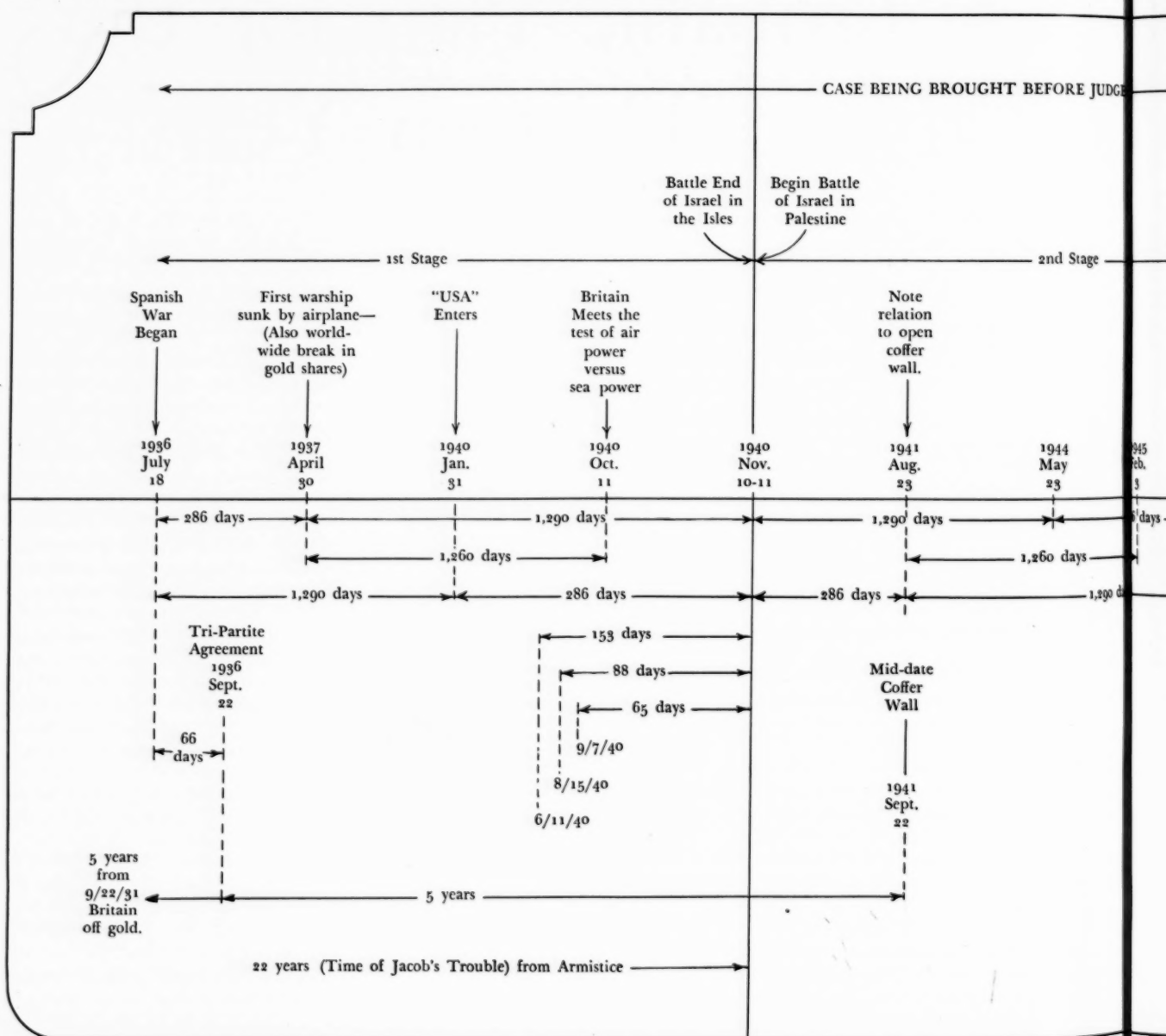
terial to DESTINY, which published it as an editorial entitled *Desolation of Shipping* in the April, 1940, issue.

Britain "spoke," but nation after nation fell until the Polish campaign brought her into war September 3, 1939.

On the date of entrance to the hall of judgment in 1936, Hitler was acclaimed the "deliverer" of the German people. 1,290 days later, on March 29, 1940, desolation was released on Norway.

One act of desolation followed another until June 11, 1940.

If January 31, 1940, approaching the end of the desolation period, was indicative, then surely if we would watch other markers, they would in-



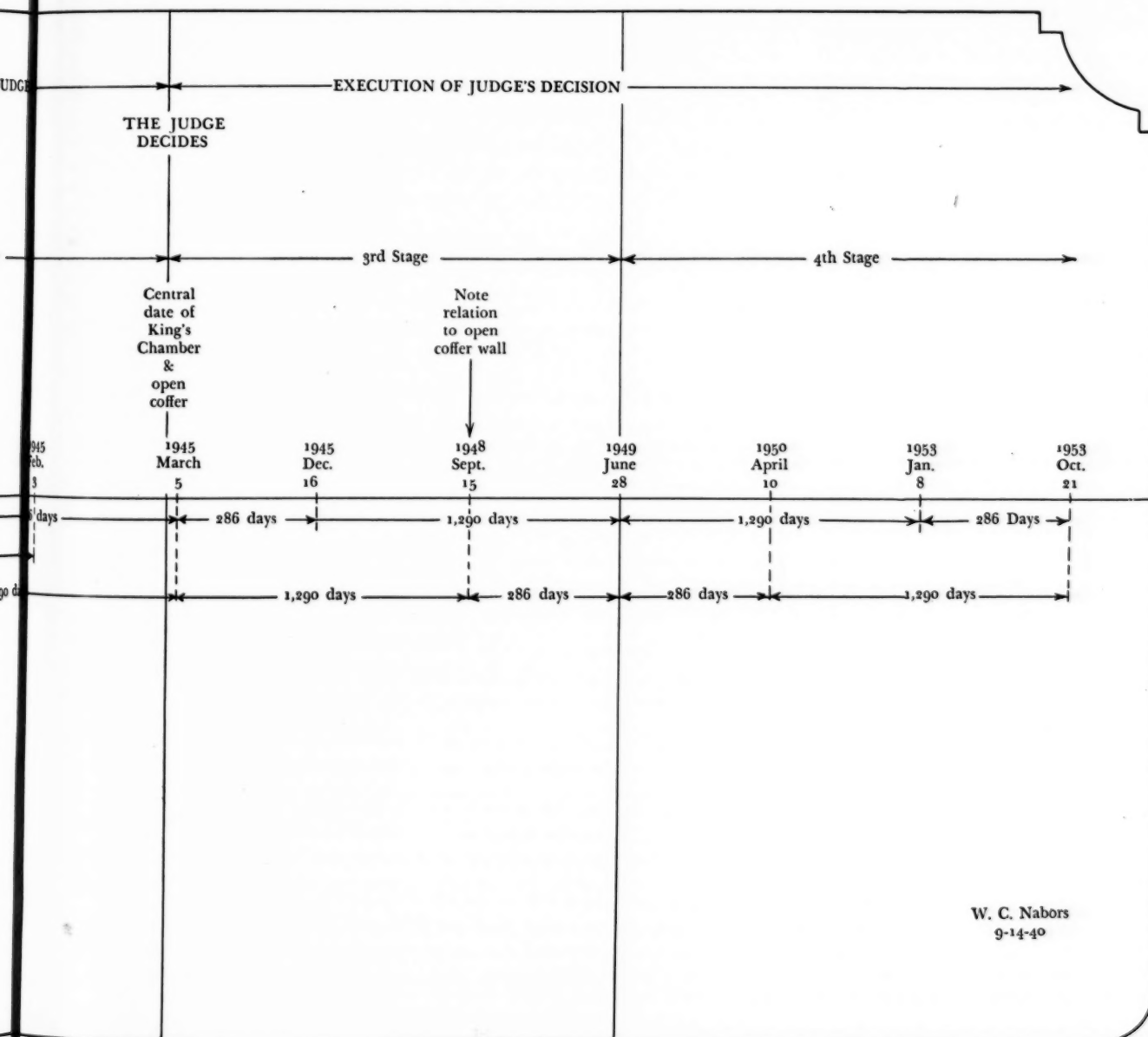
dicating God's hand in world affairs. 153 is the number of the elect, so the writer watched the news of June 11, 1940, for a marker suggesting how God would defend His builders race, whose national seal reveals their national purpose of establishing the New Order of the Ages. Britain, realizing her unpreparedness, turned to America, the creators of mass production, for quick emergency rearmament. America, alarmed and unarmed, turned to the man who introduced mass production to the world on the date of the great step of the Pyramid—Mr. Henry Ford. His reply came on June 11, 1940, when he assured the nation that his mass production methods could be applied to

the aircraft industry. The challenge touched off the manufacturing talent of the nation and inspired every citizen. Soon the greatest world armament period in history was taking form as Joel's message seemed to ring throughout the nation "prepare for war—wake up the mighty men—beat your plowshares into swords."

NEXT came June 15, 1940—the 286th day of Britain's participation in war. France collapsed. God "displaced" France and *left the nations of Israel alone*. But not until President Roosevelt's reply to the French, pledging all possible aid short of war from America, so long as the Allies resisted the aggressors.

At the same time Russia forced her ultimatum on Lithuania and, later, followed through on the other small nations of the Baltic. This Russian "displacement" will yet play an important part as Russia and Germany in pretended but suspicious friendliness, maneuver for the upper position. We will see more of this later.

August 15, 1940, was 88 days before November 11, 1940. 88 is the Christ number. Read again Ivan Panin's unfolding of its importance. Came the day, and Germany attempted her main onslaught from the air but, came the help and intercession indicated by the 88, and the RAF surprised the world by fighting back until they had bagged 186 bombers and



marked a turning point for British defense.

September 7, 1940, was 65 days before November 11, 1940. As the date draws near, the battle for Britain is on. Hitler has boasted that Churchill and his government will move to Canada and follow the children evacuated. Well have we known all the time from II Samuel 7:10 and Ezekiel 21:26 and 27 that the government seat in London is the throne of David promised in perpetuity by God. Having "overturned" three times (first overturn from Jerusalem to Ireland; second, Ireland to Scotland; third, Scotland to London) we know, on the authority of God's word, that it would never move to Canada. Well do we know the history of Ephraim's fall, leading her into captivity which followed the pattern laid down by the prophet, Isaiah 7:8, who told us "within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken that it be not a people." History tells us that the period of her national history that took her into captivity followed exactly this pattern of 65 years. Likewise, we know from the promises given the prophets that her return to word leadership follows the same pattern from 1936 to 2001 A.D. Surely in her *days* of supreme test in this battle for Britain her history will follow the same pattern on a scale of *days* instead of years. Came the day and the news:

Item 1—Germany unleashed her "all out" effort on London on Saturday evening, September 7, initiating her supreme effort to clear the air, demoralize the people of the Isles, clutter up her transportation and make possible the threatened land invasion. Germany's news that day referred to it as "the beginning of the end of the battle for Britain."

Item 2—The same day Rumania collapsed under the German heel and King Carol fled his country. This left Germany in control of that portion of Rumania south of the Danube at its mouth and left her face to face across the Danube with Russia. The Danube is her main artery for food, both for machines and

men, indicating a still greater phase to follow.

Item 3—Believe it or not, the politicians in Washington were working on Saturday and chose this date to make the final decision for conscription in the United States in so-called peace time.

THE accuracy with which this chart has developed and unfolded or revealed the first stage of the judgment of the nations to date left me with this thought—"surely this chart (July 18, 1936, to November 11, 1940) is *but a stage* in the development given to Israel to reveal the plan for the whole campaign to those of God's servants who are watching. If that is true, then it will surely prove itself. Let's extend the chart and repeat it for a like stage." To my utter amazement, it was discovered that this second period ended on the date March 5, 1945, the central date of the Hall of Judgment of the Nations! If the first stage is a picture of the "Battle for Israel in the Isles" then the second stage is the picture of the "Battle for Israel in Palestine." If this is true, then it must be the unfolding of the whole campaign as to identity and chronology, revealing the history of the nations of the world as they are brought before the judgment bar of God. Surely, the third and fourth stages will continue the story of the execution of His judgment and unfold to us the plan of His establishment of the sheep nations into their "inheritance of the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world" of Matthew 25:34.

But the *time* when the son of man shall come *in glory* is coincident with the judgment of the nations and with the Armageddon climax.

If the first two stages reveal the picture of the world case being brought before the supreme judge and the last two stages reveal the picture of His execution of His orders, then the bi-sectional date must correspond with Matthew 25:31—"THEN shall He sit upon the throne of His glory."

Can it be that the central date of this chart and the central date of the King's Chamber, when the Pyramid traveler stands for the first time directly facing the open coffer, the symbol of the open tomb, suggests the Armageddon climax and the return

of our Lord in glory? If so, then the rapture when the Church shall be caught up in the air must precede His return. What is the period of time marking the "displacement" of the Church from the world? Can it be 286 days, the "displacement" factor of the Pyramid? Does the increased head room of 286 inches of the grand gallery at the date of the Crucifixion of Christ suggesting the introduction of the gospel of personal salvation during the Church age also suggest the duration of the time of "displacement" of that Church between the rapture and the return when this work is completed? I do not attempt to fix this interpretation on the chart or even to do other than suggest the thoughts, but one thing is sure—the intervening dates from today, as we approach March 5, 1945, will throw much light to the true student.

Let us do some supposing. The next future stage is October 11, 1940. From a study of *Divine Time Measures* by J. B. Nicklin, we note that he pointed out on pages 142 and 143 that the submarine *weapon of the war* was introduced by the sinking of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915; marking the beginning of Germany's frightfulness and blockade of British waters, and resulting in the loss of nearly 1,200 lives. This submarine menace lasted 1,260 days until October 18, 1918, and on October 20 Germany announced to President Wilson that she had issued orders to cease sinking passenger ships. Likewise, the zeppelin *weapon of war* brought affliction to Israel, beginning May 31, 1915, with a raid on London just 1,260 days from the Armistice. Will this coming date of October 11, 1940, which will pass before this article reaches the reader, bring a mark of the passing of Germany's bid for air supremacy over sea power?

November 10-11, 1940, is a very important date on this chart and may prove to be the fulcrum around which the first phase, which we shall call the "battle for Israel in the Isles", will change into the second phase, which we shall call the "contest between the king of the north and the king of the south" (11th chapter of Daniel) or the "battle for Israel in Palestine."

If my view of January 31, 1940, is correct, this "displacement" period ending November 10-11, 1940, should

mark off a 286 days stage of reunion of the United States with Great Britain and this date should also bring us news of major importance to the interpretation of the trends of this chart dealing with Russia. It should mark the initiation of a "displacement" period of 286 days which would realign the European nations according to the campaign details in Ezekiel 38, when Russia will take the lead position.

Note that the end of the 286 "displacement" period is August 23, 1941, a date well within the north wall thickness of the open coffer, the central date of which is September 22, 1941, suggesting the terminal date of a five-year period from September 22, 1936, the date of the Tri-Partite Agreement and the terminal date of a 10-year period from Britain's abandonment of the gold standard in September, 1931. Should we not expect the date August 23, 1941, to bring an economic crisis that will force Britain and America to further abandonment of gold and further reunion of their currencies and their national leadership? The double displacement period running out here has one beginning date applying to Britain alone—September 22, 1931—then one applying to both Britain and the United States—September 22, 1936—then one to America alone—January 31, 1940—and suggests the terminal date will bring complete monetary reunion of the two nations along lines of more complete abandonment of the gold for both nations. Will the settlement of

war debts from World War I form a basis? Since God's economy must provide for the jubilee cancellation and must eliminate interest, it appears they will not yet go far enough. Therefore another 1,290 days is required to *completely desolate* the old economic order. But rest assured, when we stand before the King on His throne, we shall receive no uncertain orders concerning the removal of "those things which offend" and the restitution of all things.

IF captains of industry and finance in America today can think of success in our present national election to return America *back* to the old economic order, it is my belief that "The wish is father to the thought."

They are subscribing to the wrong service. If they would turn to the Bible and find the way *through*, there would be less confusion of thought.

Let us not overlook the pressure that will force us to the economic changes. Please refer to my article in the JUNE DESTINY and also my article on *The Yoke* in the JULY DESTINY. And remember that this year from August 4, 1940, to August 4, 1941, is the *seventh* year of the "dearth" and is worldwide. (Israel is protected in Goshen). II Esdras 16 tells us this woe is directed at Babylon, Asia, Egypt and Syria and is a famine sent as a scourge for amendment.

A news flash today states that Russia is in the market to buy five million bushels of Canadian wheat. Yes, this

is the Russia who was to feed the German hordes through this winter. Yes, this is the Russia who refuses to release to the world information on her harvest. We do not have to have her report—there is a far more reliable one in Genesis (chapters 40 through 47), Jeremiah 30 and II Esdras 16.

The phase of world conditions taking form at this date, August 23, 1941—September 22, 1941, should indicate the trend for the 1,290 days thereafter, ending March 5, 1945, and will be of major importance as a future guide in understanding the plan as unfolded.

Now do not take my word for it! Doubt everything written here to the point where you will investigate and *prove it for yourself*.

As we pass the future dates, *watch* for the guiding hand of our God. Surely, we approach the greatest period in the history of the world. So great that He could tell us (Jeremiah 23:7 & 8):

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

"But, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the *seed of the house of Israel* out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

A Study in Revelation

Part 10: The Two Witnesses

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PERHAPS no other chapter in Revelation has been so much quoted as the one containing the account of the two witnesses. The identity of these witnesses has been the theme of students of prophecy for many years, and varied explanations regarding their identity and activities have but deepened the mystery. But most of the theories advanced by students of prophecy regarding their identification have fallen short

in some particular from fulfilling all the requirements.

One school of prophetic interpretation declares that these witnesses are Elijah and Moses, or Enoch and Elijah. This view is speculative and rests on the assumption that these characters will yet take an active part in the closing scenes of the present

age. Such an assumption does not seem to us to fit the facts as demonstrated by the present known historical fulfillment of a large portion of Revelation. Still another school spiritualizes the witnesses and their activities, making them the Old and New Testament, or the prophets and the apostles. These are only a few of the many suggested solutions, most all of which fall short of some of the specified requirements set forth by

John for the purpose of identification.

It has been shown in these studies that requisite to an understanding of Revelation is a knowledge of the origin and identity of races. The present hopeless confusion regarding this Book is in a large measure due to the failure to find and identify the House of Israel as separate and apart from the House of Judah. Such knowledge is especially needed in a study of the eleventh chapter of Revelation, for the symbolisms used by John have much to do with the work performed by Israel.

We have seen that the Reformation opened the Bible and gave it to His people. This resulted in Israel rising to kingdom activities as the nation went forward to perform the assigned tasks of becoming a light to the Gentiles and His salvation unto the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:6).

Measuring the Temple

John is a type of the Israel people so that when he is given a reed like unto a rod and told to "Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein," it is a command issued to His people Israel.

What significance is attached to this command to rise and measure? The laying of the measure and the stretching of the line signifies building. This is clear in the statements made in God's challenge to Job from out of the whirlwind; "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?" (Job 38:5.) Israel has been called to do a work of building. In the reed like unto a rod or sceptre with which they were to rule, measure and build God's dwelling place, we have the task that was assigned unto them from the time of their organization into a Kingdom at Mount Sinai, unto the day of restoration when the throne in the Kingdom will be taken over by our Lord and Saviour.

God's Dwelling Place

God's dwelling place has ever been with His people Israel. When the Tabernacle was completed in the wilderness the Glory of the Lord filled the Tent, typifying His presence

among them. When Solomon finished the dedication service of the Temple that was built at Jerusalem, the Glory of the Lord filled the House. There is no other nation, other than Israel, who can thus truthfully claim God's presence in their midst.

The Greek word *naos* translated *temple* in this passage means "Dwelling place, inner sanctuary." What the Tabernacle and Temple in the midst of Israel was to the nation, so the nation Israel is to become a holy people and sanctuary unto all nations around them. This is clearly set forth by Isaiah who, looking forward to that day, exclaims of Israel, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee . . . And the Gentiles shall come to my light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." (Isaiah 60:1-2.) . . . "and they shall call them, the holy people. The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, sought out, A city not forsaken." (Isaiah 62:12.)

The importance of Israel, and their continued national existence and the ultimate restoration of the entire Jehovah administration is evidenced in kingdom activities as they prepare to meet their God who is to tabernacle, or dwell, among them (Lev. 26:11). God has said, "But I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." (1 Kings 6:13.)

Israel had certain tasks to perform before the age could end and a new order be manifested. A mighty angel summoned them to take up the work and labor of preparing for that day. Let us accept as a fact the statement the angel made to Mary, "And the Lord God shall give unto him the Throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33.) The House of Jacob was organized into His Kingdom at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:2-6). The full significance of Kingdom building as set forth in Isaiah 9:7 is more clearly realized when the fact of the establishment of God's Kingdom at Mount Sinai is understood and accepted. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of

the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Because of the sins of His people the Glory of the Lord departed from the Temple (Ez. 11:23). But God never forsook Israel (Isa. 44:21). That Glory is to return again and be seen upon all Israel. Ezekiel describes that return in terms that define the triumphant return of Jesus Christ when He comes to take over the Throne of His father David (Ez. 43:2-7). The Kingdom is being prepared for that coming coronation ceremony, for God is yet to dwell gloriously among His people. The prophet Isaiah declares of that day, "The Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory." (Isa. 62:2.) When that day arrives Israel is to be as God's Sanctuary in the midst of all nations.

The Building

This process of building the Kingdom and preparing His people to administer its laws has been going on even during the long seven times of punishment. When, however, the seven times ended Israel began to expand into the nation, the company of nations and the Great People and to fulfill the rest of the required work laid upon them as set forth in the account of the Reformation*. Isaiah called the nation to expand when he said, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." (Isa. 54:2-3.)

The Temple

What is this Temple that John is told to measure? It certainly is not an earthly building. Referring to Part Three, *The Kingdom and the Throne*, the order of the Israel encampment was shown to be patterned after the heavenly and in accord with the plan of the Tabernacle in the wilderness and the Temple at Jerusalem. Thus the entire nation of Israel was to be organized in accord with this plan. As the age neared its close Israel was to conform with that pattern. Hence the command goes forth for the nation to build in accordance

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with these requirements.** The Temple which John is thus told to measure is the ultimate completion of the Israel organization in conformity with all of God's plans for Kingdom perfection. The restoration will then become a fact in the completion of the Temple, and this is the same Temple as seen by Ezekiel in vision and describes the coming New Order.

The Altar and Worshipers

An altar is a place of sacrifice. The worshipers are those who have laid their sacrifice upon that altar. In the building of the Kingdom order, reference is thus made to the multitudes of men and women who through the ages have worked and labored for the establishment of His kingdom. They have willingly sacrificed in the performance of these tasks and loved not their lives even unto death in His service.

The Court of the Temple

"But the court which is without the Temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given to the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." What does this court without the Temple represent?

This can only be understood by referring to the pattern. The temple was surrounded by three walls enclosing three open courts. The first or inner court was the *court of the priests*. Outside of this was the outer or *court of Israel* divided into two apartments, one of which was the court of the women. Outside of the court of Israel was a still larger court with marble pavement called the *court of the Gentiles*, because the Gentiles were permitted freely to enter into it. They could not approach the court of Israel, which was guarded by a low balustrade. It was this outer court which John was told to leave out, and "Measure not, for it is given to the Gentiles."

The Temple to which John refers is the emblem of the entire Israel set-up, hence this court of the Gentiles would indicate the activity of Gentile nations, at present apart from Israel. Israel was to build and rule within the confines of the Israel commonwealth. Her empire was to include the desolate heritages of the earth and even heathen nations, according to the prophets. But in the exclu-

sion of the court of the Gentiles from her sphere of influence the peoples and nations constituting the Babylonian succession of Empires were to be beyond her jurisdiction. Over these nations Israel was not to exercise authority and rule. The reason for this is that God had given authority to these kings to rule for a definite time-period and until that period ended the Gentiles were to exercise authority and to rule. In the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel said, "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory." (Dan. 2:37.) This oath of God could not be violated. Therefore, during the Times of the Gentiles these nations were to continue in power, ruling with authority and the sword, without the help or guidance of the Israel people. Even Jerusalem was to be trodden down during the years of their activity. This is confirmed by Jesus when He said, "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24.) Instead of constructive administration of their affairs, as would be in evidence among His people Israel, their type of rule is designated by "treading under foot."

The prophetic year is 360 days, or the number of degrees in a circle. A "time" is 360 years. A month is one twelfth part of this 360. Thus, 30 days or years is a month in accordance with each respective period. Forty-two months would therefore be 1260 days or years. It is a recognized fact of history that the "treading under foot" was for a longer period than 1260 days, therefore we must take a day for a year and use the longer measuring rod.

This forty-two months or 1260 years is the duration of the last half of the time of the Gentiles, during which years Jerusalem was under Mohammedan domination. Its liberation began only when General Allenby captured the city in December, 1917 A.D. The Papacy was also active during this same time-period. History amply verifies this fact in the martyrdom of millions of Christians and by untold suffering of the faithful witnesses to the Word of God and for His testimony.

Mohammed fled Mecca in the year 622 A.D. In 657 A.D. Vitalian be-

came Pope and it was he who commanded the universal use of the Latin language in divine service. These two dates are important. The first as the beginning of the Hegira, or Mohammedan calendar, and the second of the coming to power of a Pope who enforced the use of the language of the Gentiles in divine services in Israel lands.

The time measure of 1260 years from each gives 1882 A.D., when Great Britain moved against the rule of the Caliphate in Egypt and 1917 A.D., when Jerusalem passed into the hands of Israel with the driving of the Turks from Palestine. This date 1917 A.D. is also 1335 (See Daniel 12:12) lunar years from the Hegira and 2 times 1260 years or seven times (7 x 360) after Nebuchadnezzar besieged and took Jerusalem. The two dates (1882 and 1917) are separated by a generation, or 35 years. Beginning with the liberation of Egypt that generation closed with the taking of Jerusalem as the times of the Gentiles ended. The next generation, from 1918 to 1953, is destined to see the present order pass away and the beginning of a new and better day. World misrule is about to end, but before it ends Gentile powers are to challenge Israel's right to assume her appointed place in world affairs.

Test of Strength

Israel has been active in her dominions and possessions, carrying forward her Kingdom work and propagating the Gospel, while the Gentiles occupied and ruled in the court outside of Israel's land. With the close of the Times of the Gentiles, during which years nations have fully demonstrated their inability to rule in justice and equity, world dominion is to pass to His Kingdom people. This will not become a fact until the military might and power of the combined Gentile nations have challenged Israel's right and met upon the field of battle a decisive defeat.

The Two Witnesses

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sack cloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

The Second Woe does not end un-

til these two witnesses have completed their work. Their activity antedates the Second Woe and runs back to the beginning of the First Woe, which fact is verified by the duration of their witnessing. Who, then, are these two witnesses, compelled to prophesy clothed in sackcloth, the emblem of mourning? They are described as the two olive trees. Zechariah saw two olive trees standing on either side of the candlestick. He is told "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." (Zech. 4:14.) The olive trees are the emblem of Israel and Judah, who have been set apart for His service. Judah does not mean Jewry, for the fig tree represents Jewry and was cursed by Jesus because of unfruitfulness (Mark 11:14). The candlesticks are the Churches, seven of which are referred to by John as emblematical of the seven churches. Two are here associated with the olive trees, thus defining at least a portion of the Church as active in this witnessing. The two golden pipes which Zechariah saw in his vision carrying the golden oil to the cup that supplied the candlesticks with oil are also significant, for the oil is emblematical of the Word and the Spirit.

Two Phases of Kingdom Work

There are two phases to Kingdom work. One is the national or administrative phase; the other is ecclesiastical. The two are interwoven at times for, without the protection of the Kingdom and its laws, ecclesiastical leaders would long ago have ceased to go forward with their witnessing.

The administration of the Kingdom is carried on by men and women who are loyally working to establish justice and equity in the nation as they labor to keep Israel true to the principles of righteousness. The ecclesiastical work is fulfilled by those who labor that Israel may know of their redemption and that men may be told the glad tidings of the Kingdom and of personal salvation. Thus included in the process of building the Kingdom is also the work of organizing the true Church of God. This Church stands in the same relationship to modern Israel as the Aaronic order bore to ancient Israel. Theirs is a priestly office.

My Witnesses

Because of the presence of God in their midst and of Spirit-filled men and women in Israel, believing and declaring there is a God, God has said, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he." (Isa. 43:10.)

The Message of the Church

By the Church we do not mean organized ecclesiasticism, represented in denominationalism or Church organizations, whether they be Catholic or Protestant. We refer rather to the great body of true believers, regardless of Church affiliations and denominations, who are spirit-directed and guided in their activities. This is the body of our Lord or *called out ones* who prophetically address a message to Israel in the Isles, "Listen, O Isles unto me; and harken ye people from afar." After thus addressing the people the right to speak is now set forth in the statement, "The Lord hath called me . . . and he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword." The mystery of the hidden Church is now shown, "In the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me." But, though a mystery, God declares the work of the Church to be, "To call Israel, my friend" and of Israel the Church says, "By whom I am honoured" as Israel has honoured the Church and protected her in all her services. The Church now bewails her unfruitfulness in the failure to bring about the conversion of His people and of the world to a knowledge of the truth, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for naught." Yet in spite of this fact she declares, "Yet the Lord was my object, my work was for God."

The Mission of the Church

The declaration of the purpose and mission of the Church is now set forth by God, "To serve and turn Jacob and Israel to me . . . I made you my Agent to raise Jacob's standard, To lead Israel back." Here we have as part of the mission of the Church the declaration of the identity and the responsibility to His people Israel. God now declares the world-wide mission of His Church.

He says, "It is a light (simple or easy) thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the perverted of Israel . . . I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth." (Isa. 49:1-6,—*We have here followed the King James version, using Ferrar Fenton translation where such use clarified the meaning.*)

Identification of the Witnesses

Who are these witnesses that prophesy in sackcloth? Now literal Israel of the latter days is not to be in mourning. The prophets clearly show she is to rejoice and be glad because of the outpouring of God's blessings upon her. While the olive trees signify that the two witnesses are of Israel yet in the reference to the candlesticks this is qualified to include only a portion of all Israel. John has already shown that seven candlesticks represent all the Churches, therefore the two must refer to that portion of the Church made up of the truly spirit-filled men and women. They are the body of our Lord. Thus we have defined those in Israel and of the Church who are the overcomers in this age, enduring tribulation as they witness in the twofold power of the Word and the Spirit.

If this identification is correct then all that John declares of these witnesses must be fulfilled by them during the years assigned them for witnessing in mourning.

Fire From Their Mouths

"And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies." We have seen in the quotation from Isaiah that the Church declared, "He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword." The apostle in Hebrews says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12.) We also read of "the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17.) John said of Jesus Christ, "Out of his mouth went a two-edged sword." (Rev. 1:16.) The question then is, Did the testimony of these witnesses act as a sword, bringing tribulation (symbolized by fire in Revelation) upon their enemies?

It is a historical fact that the testi-

mony of the martyrs when upon trial for their lives was as a fire unto their accusers, compelling them to often stop their ears that they might not hear that testimony. The two-edged sword of the Word and the Spirit cut deep as a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart".

"And if any man hurt them, he must in this manner be hurt." This is a reference to the fact that by the words from the mouth of these witnesses would their enemies be finally judged and by the condemnation of that Word they must die. Here is the finality of the judgment pronounced against all those who make war against the Saints.

Power to Shut Heaven

"These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy." Now heaven is the source of light. Through the power of the Word and the Spirit these witnesses are able to prevent the clouds of darkness and rain from obscuring the light of the Gospel of truth and of the knowledge of salvation. Even during the darkest days of persecution the truth was being proclaimed by faithful witnesses who gave their testimony, even in the face of death, preferring to die rather than to remain silent. All the power of Hell was unable to prevent them from giving that testimony.

Power Over Waters and the Earth

"And have power over the waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will." The rivers and fountains of water have been shown to be symbolic of the Roman Empire lying beyond the sea and at a distance from Rome, from whence she received tribute. The earth is that of the Western Roman Empire, especially the territory adjacent to the city of Rome. The testimony of the witnesses in the territory subject to Papal Rome caused some of the bloodiest wars and massacres known to history. They had power to turn these waters to blood through their testimony.

The ecclesiastical center of Rome was smitten as with a plague because of the activity of the witnesses as they proclaimed their message, even in the Imperial City itself. The Papacy had to acquiesce in their presence within the Sacred City. Let us listen to the

testimony of Pope Leo XIII, who in 1886 A.D. said to his Cardinals, "With deep regret and profound anguish we behold the impunity with which Protestants freely propagate their heretical doctrines, and attack the most august and sacred doctrines of our holy religion, even here in Rome, the center of the faith and zeal of the universal and infallible teachers of the Church."

"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them and kill them."

An Important Event

One of the important questions is, when did the witnesses begin their testimony clothed in sackcloth? These witnesses have always been active in Israel, proclaiming the truth during both the Old and the New Testament times. The true Church is an Israel institution and all those of other races who have become members of that Church are grafted into the Israel stock.

Now because the Church is of Israel there must occur in the history of His people an event that compels the witnesses to continue their testimony under changed conditions, signified by sackcloth, the emblem of mourning. The event must be of major importance in the ecclesiastical activities of Israel.

Christianity in the Isles

Christianity reached the Isles only a few years after the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. At that time the foundation of the ancient Celtic Church was laid at Glastonbury when Joseph of Arimathea built the little Wattle Church where today stands the ruins of St. Mary's Chapel. The witnesses were able to testify freely for many years in the Israel lands. By the beginning of the seventh century emissaries of Rome had brought to the Isles the doctrines of the Church of Rome. They found a strong Celtic Church that had been preaching the Gospel for many years to the people in these Isles.

Pope Vitalian in 668 A.D. consecrated Theodore of Tarus as Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop united the Church in obedience to him and instituted national synods. By 686 A.D., according to

The Encyclopedia Britannica, the evangelization of England was completed. With these events (668 A.D. to 686 A.D.) began the period during which the witnesses were to prophesy, clothed in sackcloth. The end of 1260 years, when their testimony would be finished, should see a corresponding period of eighteen years during which would be fulfilled the event depicted as the slaying of these witnesses. This period corresponds with 1928 A.D. to 1946 A.D. Somewhere between these two dates the witnesses are to be slain by the beast from out of the pit.

The Power of the Beast

This beast from the bottomless pit, or abyss, is able to make war against the witnesses and slay them. Now to make war against them is to be in effective opposition to their work and message. Rome had opposed their activities and in her fury killed millions of Christians, yet she was unable to overcome them, or to prevent the truth from permeating to the very center of her dominion. All that Rome could do was to compel them to carry on in mourning. What is it that Satan brings forth to make the Word and the Spirit powerless?

Before we answer that question let it be noted that the death of the witnesses symbolizes their inability to effectively reach men with their testimony. There are two ways by which this could be accomplished. First, by preventing the witnesses from testifying, and second, by stopping the ears and dulling the understanding of men to the import of their message. The first was tried by Rome but with little success. The beast from the pit, however, is successful in this second method by making men deaf to the testimony of the witnesses.

Under such conditions there is no answering challenge to the power of the Word and the Spirit from the mouth of the witnesses. Their life is in their testimony, but when that testimony ceases to strike terror into the hearts of the unregenerated, then to all intents and purposes the witnesses are dead.

In the December issue we will deal with the identity of the Beast from the Pit and also with the resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses, depicting the events that follow that ascension.

Publicity for Him

GOD has been getting some bad publicity and somebody ought to do something about it. He has been getting not just the printed variety—inept press clippings, amateurish radio programs, badly prepared and poorly delivered sermons—but word-of-mouth publicity of the Doubting Thomas School of thought that makes it smart to doubt and dumb to believe.

I am the police reporter of a metropolitan newspaper. I have seen men die ugly deaths and, in emergencies, I have helped usher new babies into the world. I have seen humanity at its best and, Hitler's Gestapo excepted, at its worst. I have talked with many whose depravity would amaze even a calloused city editor.

I know the subject of faith is a delicate one. But a police reporter's first working rule is to call a spade a spade, so I can discuss dispassionately from my battered desk at headquarters my observations of what faith, or the lack of it, does for a man.

Gangster Meets God

For more than a decade I have observed and written about mayhem, theft, arson, rape and violent death. Most of those with whom I have contact are in trouble, or are the loved ones of persons in trouble. I have seen emotion strip away the veneer of civilization to reveal people starkly as simple human beings out of luck. Invariably they pray to God, not the formalized prayer of pew or bedside, but the agonized, sometimes incoherent pleas of the anguished.

Let's take a typical case. A widening splotch of red on his shirt front, a wounded bandit lies on the ground, stricken eyes staring at the ring of faces above. Gone is the snarl he wore but a few minutes ago when, with pointed gun, he barked a "Stick 'em up!" to an elderly storekeeper.

A bullet from an antiquated pistol smashed it off. In its place is a baffled, half quizzical, pathetic interrogation as his eyes shift hopelessly from face to face in search of sympathy or reassurance. They find none.

"God," he croaks from the depth

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of his agony. "Oh, God, have mercy."

Thus for the first time in years, he addresses his maker without profane intent. When things were going smoothly and the world seemed his particular oyster, he seldom gave God much thought. But cornered, with no apparent way out, he screams immediately for the help he knows no man can give.

He says in effect: "Look here, God. I'm in an awful jam and I need You in front of me. I've never thought much of You or Your works, but I need You now. Are You there, God? If You are, and You're what they advertise You to be, do something and do it quick!"

Thus does he address an almost total stranger. This is no corrupt prosecuting attorney he helped elect upon whom he calls, no grafting chief of police or ward boss. No, sir, he's going all the way to the top for his help, even though he's never met the Gentleman in person.

In fact, he may have done a bit of campaigning against Him—whisper

campaigning, so to speak. "How could the whale have swallowed Jonah? It simply isn't scientific. It doesn't make sense."

Like that.

The Field is Large

This young man in his extremity belongs to the vast cult that sneers at faith and religion. That is, he did belong to it until now. That slug of lead in his breast brought him a new, if belated, understanding and he knows at last there is something more to life and death than merely getting by on nerve and wits.

Is the United States of America going to wait until it finds itself in the position of this young man, with a bullet in its vital organs, before it makes the acquaintance of the only One who can help it in its extremity?

Of course, this country of ours is no corner store bandit, but its attitude toward faith and God is almost as flippant, by and large, as this typical representative of the underworld's smart set.

Are we to wait until America lies stricken like France, Belgium or Norway before we call upon God to help us? Totalitarian nations have unloosed propaganda against faith and religion, yet the counter-propaganda is so weak and uninspired that it frequently fails to convince even those who yearn for a strong, clear voice of conviction to tell them the way.

Not Without Faith

God is our first line of faith and democracy without faith is a nullity. To defend the former we must have the latter.

America should live, not die, with His name on its lips.

Let's sell America God, along with a two-ocean Navy and 50,000 battle planes. And let's do it with the smoothness of a Kaltenborn, the sparkle of a Fred Allen and the persuasion and conviction of a Roosevelt at his microphone best.

God needs a new press agent in this country to bring home the realization that He is needed in every heart and every mind while America is virile and strong of arm.

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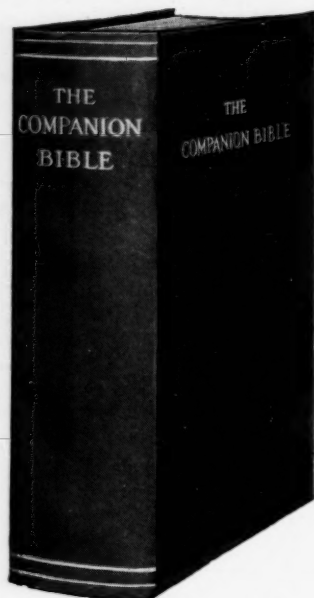
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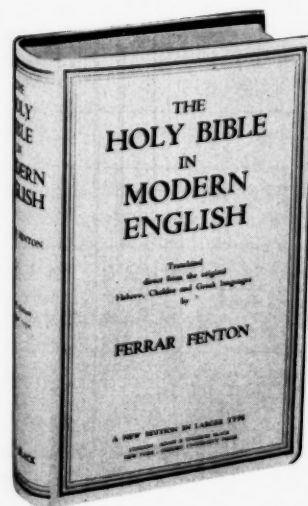
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